

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 21st 2004

EI9AR Silent Key

It is with regret we announce that Terry Crosbie EI9AR from Ballinasloe passed away on 6th November 2004. May he rest in peace.

EI3RCW is Back

Martin Hayes EI9FMB and John Ronan EI7IG got the Amateur Radio Station in Waterford Institute of Technology back on the air. It may not sound like a big deal, but rest assured you that it was. Its taken several years of negotiating with the "powers that be" in order to get this fairly small step accomplished.

EI3RCW is now QRV on HF, VHF (2m) and UHF (70cms). The group have sought permission for a network connection in order to allow operation of a Packet Radio to Internet Gateway and an APRS Digipeater plus Internet Gateway. The former will allow for a continuous feed of packet bulletins to be forwarded to John EI3DIB for distribution on his BBS, and the latter will allow any local APRS packets to be relayed locally and gatewayed out to the internet.

To see the (APRS) position of some Irish (EI) stations go to www.findu.com Some of these stations found their way to the internet through local Internet Gateways, and some through an orbiting satellite or the International Space Station.

Martin is hopeful that the station can shortly be used as a teaching aid for some of the Telecommunications subjects he, and other lecturers teach in the college.

Leonids

This year's Leonid meteor shower, which was due to peak last Friday is not expected be like the storms we've seen in recent years. But in some places there could be a nice display.

Sky watchers in eastern Europe and Asia are in the best

Echolink Gateway

The UK's first HF internet link gateway is now operational on 29.530 MHz from Rotherham in South Yorkshire. The gateway uses EchoLink and when propagation is good the link will be widely available to stations worldwide using 10 metres FM. The link has extra features such as the time, local weather and RSGB news available for a full list of commands visit www.qsl.net/m0cjy

CQ WW CW

The CQ Worldwide CW Contest will be held in two weeks time, over the weekend of November the 27th and 28th.

The East Cork Group EI7M will be entering the multi-single section of this contest and are looking for a few experienced CW operators to join them in Carrigtwohill for the weekend.

If you are interested, please ring Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 as soon as possible.

In the recent CQWW SSB contest, the EI7M crew submitted a claimed score of almost 9.5 million points made with 6,053 QSOs, 155 zones and 626 DXCC entities.

Other upcoming big contests include the ARRL 160m contest on the first weekend in December and the ARRL 10m Contest which will be held on the following weekend, December 11th and 12th.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The IRTS news has been read by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society on 145.550 MHz every Monday night at 20:00 hrs for the last few years. Please note that Dundalk Amateur Radio Society now transmits the IRTS radio news via the Dundalk Repeater on 145.675 MHz.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group "Portable Ops" Day

The club's first "Portable Ops" day will be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, the 27th of November at a site near Portmagee, County Kerry.

Battery powered portable HF operations will commence at approximately 10 a.m. on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres using both PSK31 and SSB. Confirmed frequencies of operation are: 40 metres on 7.068 MHz SSB, 20 metres on 14.070 MHz PSK31, 17 metres on 18.100 MHz PSK31 and 2 metres (Talk In) on 144.450 MHz FM.

Two portable HF stations are currently committed to operating on the day.

All are welcome to attend but are asked to confirm the exact location, as the primary location may be unusable due to previous rain; a nearby secondary location has been identified as a backup.

Further information is available from Ron, EI2JP at 086-600-5499 outside of normal business hours.

Further information on the club can be obtained from any officer or by email to clubinfo at kerry.com or by visiting the clubs web site at www.kerry.com

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Guest speaker at the November general meeting was Rob Mannion (G3XFD/EI5IW), editor of Practical Wireless Magazine.

The meeting was well attended by members of both Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and Rob gave an interesting talk about the history of the magazine.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on the 25th of November beginning at 8 p.m.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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